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German Sox,  
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Quick Sales and Small Profit Shoe  
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after them. Telephone R 744.

12-16-3t

TRY ADMIRAL COFFEE.

## RAILROAD HAPPENINGS

**Gallon Takes Another Slap  
at Marion.**

## SAUCY LITTLE VILLAGE

**Local Police Going After the  
Railroaders.**

**Freight Trains Must not be Sen  
Down Through Yards While Pass-  
enger Coaches are Unloading.**

The local policemen are surely  
going after the railroaders. The  
next who will probably follow  
closely in the wake of superin-  
tendent Allen will be C. A. Rob-  
bins, superintendent of the local  
interlocking plant.

The officers claim that Robbins  
persists in throwing the levers  
allowing freight trains to pass  
through the yards while a passen-  
ger train is unloading. It is in  
violation of the state law and de-  
spite the fact that the interlocking  
foreman has been repeatedly warn-  
ed, he still persists in the prac-  
tice.

Monday morning as Erie train  
No. 8 was unloading its passen-  
gers, a Big Four freight came  
thundering down through the  
yards at a speed of thirty miles

an hour. Officer Jack McDonough  
happened to be standing near the  
tracks where the Erie train was  
unloading. An aged lady with two  
small children alighted from the  
train and were about to cross the  
tracks to reach the depot. They  
had taken but one step on the  
rail when the officer quickly push-  
ed them back, barely succeeding  
in getting them clear of the  
fast approaching freight train.

The officers hold that Robbins is  
responsible for allowing freight  
trains to block when a passenger  
train is unloading. It has been a  
practice at the local depot ever  
since there has been a union  
depot and the mayor and his  
assistants have determined that  
the lives of passengers shall not  
be endangered any longer.

The Gallon Leader apparently  
enjoys taking a slap at Marion  
occasionally. Judging from many  
of its articles, Gallon is proof from  
all financial strife. An item in its  
valuable columns Saturday says:  
"Six failures from Marion, the  
heads of which are employed in the  
Erie shops here, will move here  
next week."

If true it will not hurt Marion.  
Gallon could take several hundred  
families from our busy city and  
still be nothing but a village. Our  
sympathy goes out to the people  
who are compelled to live there,  
after having spent even a few  
weeks in this city.

Within the past few days the  
Erie has dispensed with the ser-  
vices of several hundred section  
men. It is said that before the  
company gets through with the  
cutting down of expenses, there  
will be little more than one-half  
the regular force employed.

The Big Four's new time table  
went into effect yesterday evening  
at 6 o'clock. The time of running  
trains over this division was not  
affected.

Fresh bulk oysters, 30c quart.  
Good pork steak, 10c pound.  
Get them of **JEFF OSBORNE**,  
12-16-2t West Center St.

## UNIFORMED RANK WILL MEET HERE

**Officers of Ninth Regiment  
to Attend Session.**

**A Successor to the Late Colonel W.  
C. Rapp Will be Elected on  
January 3.**

Lieutenant Colonel Wentz of Shel-  
by, was in the city Monday, confer-  
ring with other officers of the ninth  
regiment, Ohio Brigade, Uniformed  
Rank, Knights of Pythias, in regard  
to the election of a successor to the  
late Colonel Rapp.

As the annual inspections com-  
mence immediately after the first  
of the year, it is necessary to hold  
the election in the near future and  
for that reason it will be held here  
January 3. All of the officers of  
the regiment will be present and will  
be entertained by the local company.  
It is said to be probable that Mr.  
Wentz will be chosen to succeed  
Colonel Rapp and that one of the  
prominent members of the order,  
in this city, will be chosen to suc-  
ceed the lieutenant colonel.

**Look up Your Tickets.**

## Shooting Match.

There will be a shooting match  
at Fred Leffler's farm, one mile  
east of Owen Station, December 24.  
It will be a big day of sport.

## CITY COUNCILMEN TO MEET TONIGHT

**Local Telephone Situation  
Will be Discussed.**

**It is Stated That Some of the City  
Solons are Opposed to  
Granting the Franchise.**

According to reliable informa-  
tion, there is a decisive division  
of opinion in regard to allowing  
a new telephone to enter the  
field here in competition with the  
Marion County company. This dis-  
cussion, it is said, will make it-  
self manifest at a meeting of the  
city solons to be held tonight,  
when the telephone question is  
likely to come up.

Some of the councilmen want  
to grant the franchise and the  
rest are opposed to it. They think  
that the Marion County company  
is treating the people fairly and  
that there is no necessity of  
competition.

## WILLING TO TACKLE JOB

**Would Clear Building of  
Mice.**

## STORY SENT FROM HERE

**Attracts Attention of a Cleve-  
land Business Firm.**

**Supt. H. L. Frank Has Plain Dealer  
Correspondent to Thank for the  
Unusual Letter.**

Superintendent of schools receive  
some very peculiar communications,  
but seldom do they have sent them  
a letter of such ludicrous nature as  
was one which M. D. L. Frank received  
from a Cleveland firm a few days  
ago.

A few weeks ago, P. S. Wilson,  
superintendent of janitors and build-  
ings of the local schools, complained  
to the school board that mice were  
annoying the teachers at the Silver  
street building by gnawing through  
the floors.

The local correspondent for the  
Cleveland Plain Dealer, who evidently  
has a most vivid imagination, sent  
a special to that reputable sheet, stat-  
ing that the mice and rats were  
practically eating up one of the local  
school buildings. His immense ima-  
gination did not end here, but the  
writer of the special went on to say  
that so numerous were the mice and  
rats that they simply kept the teach-  
ers in a panic stricken state all the  
time. "The teachers sent word to  
the school board last night that un-  
less some means to exterminate the  
hairy tribe was exercised, they would  
resign their positions," concluded the  
article.

A Cleveland firm that manufactures  
rat poison, traps, and other mice and  
rat exterminating devices read the  
article and at once sent in a bid  
for some business. The bid was for-  
warded to Superintendent Frank. The  
firm had copied the article from  
the Plain Dealer and tacked it to  
the correspondence. The letter read  
something like this:

To the Honorable Superintendent and  
School Board at Marion, Ohio:  
Dear Sirs:—Judging from the above  
article, you are undoubtedly up  
against a stiff proposition in your  
city. There is nothing more hor-  
rifying to the lady school teacher  
than the apparently harmless mouse  
or rat. Having made the matter of  
exterminating rats and mice our busi-  
ness for many years we are confident  
that we can relieve you of the pest  
and are willing to guarantee our  
plan. We will guarantee to exter-  
minate or drive away the pest from  
your school building for the sum of  
\$5.

Mr. Frank retains the correspond-  
ence and will probably have it framed  
and hung in his study. He declares  
it a good example of the highest form

## Store Open Every Evening Until Christmas.

Saturday demonstrated that it will be a good thing to come  
in the morning if possible.

## Suggestions.

House coats, smoking jackets, bath robes, fancy suspenders,  
shirts, neckwear, overcoats and suits.

## Hughs & Cleary

Main and Center streets

## CHRISTMAS DISHES, CHINA, CUT GLASS, Etc

Go to the biggest cities and you will find no larger, no finer  
Christmas stocks—and you won't find such reasonable prices  
either.

Every china market of the old world has contributed its share  
of fancy decorated and art goods—and we urge early selection  
before the throngs appear. Christmas shopping will begin Mon-  
day morning and grow more lively until Xmas.

## Markerts China Store

"MANHATAN"—The Quality Store.

## Seven Shopping Days

And it'll be here—you hav'nt much time left. We are  
admittedly "The House of the Useful Holiday Gifts."

Smoking Jackets  
Suspenders  
Bath Robes  
Leather Novelties

Mufflers  
Pajamas  
Fancy Shirts  
Fancy Vests

House Coats  
Handkerchiefs  
Gloves  
Umbrellas

Do your shopping in the morning if possible—All purchases packed in fancy  
Christmas boxes. Open every evening.

## The Manhattan.

## Slab Wood and Cuttings

We have plenty of each on hand just now. If  
you need either, it would be well to order now.  
**HARD AND SOFT COAL. WOOD  
IMPLEMENT MANUFACTURING CO.,**  
Both Phones. North Greenwood St.

## A "Warm" Christmas Gift

2000 lbs. Clean lump coal ..... \$4 00  
2000 lbs. stove coal ..... \$7 50  
2000 lbs. chestnut coal ..... \$7 50  
2000 lbs. Pocahontas lump ..... \$5 50

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er time nor money in order to turn out perfect  
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**Anthony's Laundry.**

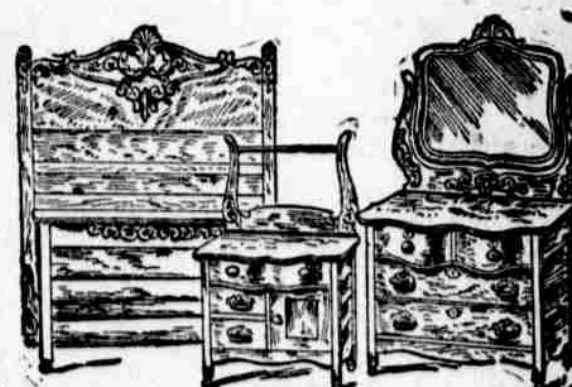
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People seem to know that when the Department  
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